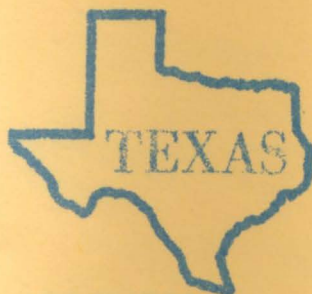


1965 MINUTES

of the



STATE ASSOCIATION

of

Free Will Baptists

when convened in its

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

with

First Free Will Baptist Church

Bryan, Texas

July 27-29, 1965

The 1966 session will convene at

First Free Will Baptist Church

Odessa, Texas

August 2-4, 1966

BOARDS

HOME MISSIONS

- Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 1968
- Rev. Fred King, 1967
- Rev. Allen Moore, 1967
- * Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1966
- Mr. W. H. Johnson, 1966

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Rev. Leroy Cutler, 1968
- * Rev. John Warren, 1967
- Mr. Mackie Adams, 1966

FOREIGN MISSIONS

- * Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 1968
- Rev. Homer Tumbleson, 1967
- Rev. Bobby Ferguson, 1966

SUPERANNUATION

- Rev. Keith Phipps, 1968
- * Rev. Elvis Fielding, 1967
- Rev. Leroy Anderson, 1967
- Mrs. H. Z. Cox, 1966
- Rev. Roy Hearn, 1966

* Denotes Chairman of the Board

General Board Member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists,

Odus K. Eubanks

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, July 27, 1965

The fifty-first annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, on July 27-29, 1965.

The session started with the Reverend K. B. Brandon leading congregational singing. The Reverend Alvin Halbrook led in the opening prayer. Further singing was led by Brother Brandon. The "Gospel Messengers" blessed and thrilled our hearts with several special messages in song. The host pastor, Brother Cutler, welcomed the session to central Texas District and First Church of Bryan.

The moderator read Isaiah 40:12. After several comments on this verse, he instructed the session to use proper methods and manners in carrying on the business of the Lord. He then welcomed the visitors. Following this, he appointed the following committees:

Committee on Committees:

H. Ray Berry
L. E. Marecle
Bobby Ferguson

Nominating Committee:

Kenneth Brandon
Herbert Richards
A. F. Ferguson

Miss Sabesta, of the host church, gave a message in song. Brother Jimmy Jones was asked to introduce Dr. L. C. Johnson, the key note speaker. He spoke from I Corinthians 13:8 on the subject, "Love Never Faileth."

He made the following observations:

- A. Many things do fail.
- B. Love never does.
 - 1. Cross---His love did not stop, though his body died.
 - 2. Corinthians wanted gifts.
 - 3. Supreme gift is love---love to Christ. Love to Him would solve many problems.
 - a. Conduct. b. Money. c. Full-time service.
- C. Love compared with:
 - 1. Oratory 2. Prophecy 3. Benevolence 4. Martyrdom.
- D. Love evaluated
 - 1. Suffereth long 2. Finds a way.

He concluded his message with prayer. An invitation was extended to permit God to increase his love in our hearts. An offering of \$52.73 was received for the college after Brother Hearron led in prayer.

Brother Bobby Ferguson reported for the Committee on Committees. A motion carried to accept it as given:

"We, the Committee on Committees, submit the following recommendations for the temporary service of this session of the State Association:

Temperance Committee

Bob Harless
Mrs. Kenneth Brandon
Elbert Nations

Resolutions Committee

John Warren
Eugene Richards
Pervis Williams

Obituary Committee

Mrs. Gaston Clary
Mrs. Mike Clegy
Mrs. North

Credentials Committee

A. F. Ferguson
Keith Phipps
Bud Parr

Program Committee

Don Ellis
Lionel Cooksey
H. Zirl Cox

Respectfully submitted,
H. Ray Berry
J. E. Marecle
Bobby Ferguson"

The visitors and delegates were assigned to their respective homes for the night by Mrs. Ruby Withers. Rev. Bud Parr dismissed services with prayer for the night with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 28, 1965

Services began with the Reverend Kenneth Brandon leading the congregational singing. The Reverend Pervis Williams led in prayer. The moderator added J. F. Brandon and Mrs. C. F. Ferguson as replacements on the Temperance Committee. There was additional congregational singing.

The moderator recognized the visiting brethren and extended to them all the privileges of the session, except that of voting. The Reverend Bill Jones gave

a brief testimony.

The Reverend Lionel Cooksey was presented as the morning speaker. He spoke from Mark 3:35, after leading in prayer. He urged us to be very considerate of one another and to recognize and respect one another as brothers. He challenged us to a closer union with one another. In conclusion, he used First John 3:14-18 to show that loving our brothers was proof of our salvation. All the ministers were invited to renew their love one for the other as the Reverend Rufus Coffee led in prayer.

The Credentials Committee report was called for and was presented by the Reverend A. F. Ferguson. A motion was carried to accept the partial report as given, and to seat the delegates.

As the first item of business, the Reverend Odus Eubanks reported for the Board of Christian Education. A motion carried to adopt the financial section and the activity section as given, and to adopt the section dealing with recommendations item by item.

Financial Report of the Board of Christian Education

Receipts:

Balance carried forward	\$181.33	
Received from Cooperative Plan	30.08	
Received for Jones Missionary Fund	<u>90.00</u>	
total received		\$301.41

Disbursements:

Purchased Sword Drill Bibles	\$ 11.25	
Expenses of Youth Rally	32.83	
Expense of January Planning Meeting	13.00	
Travel expense for the Cutlers	10.00	
Materials for Bible Bowl buzzer board	27.65	
Phone calls	2.79	
Paid to Jones' Missionary Fund	90.00	
Paid for Trophies	70.15	
Paid National Assoc. entrance fees		
for Texas contestants	<u>12.00</u>	
total disbursements		\$269.67
Balance on hand, July 26, 1965		<u>\$ 31.74</u>

Activities Report of the Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education reports the following actions for the year of 1964-1965:

1. Appointed a State Christian Training Service Director for the year, Mrs. Eleanor Cutler.
2. Organized and elected officers of the Board as follows: Mackie Adams, Treasurer; Leroy Cutler, Secretary; and Odus Eubanks, Chairman.
3. Sponsored a planning workshop for Texas, held at the Trinity Church in Fort Worth, Texas, in January, 1965. Every district in Texas was represented with the exception of Northwest Brazos District. This meeting established an annual youth rally for the state.
4. Sponsored the State Youth Rally at Dallas, April 23-24. Competitions were held in Sword Drill, Declamations, Essays, and Bible Bowl, and trophies were awarded the winners. The winners in Sword Drill, Essay, and Declamations represented Texas at our National Association of Free Will Baptists in Raleigh, North Carolina, in July, 1965.

Recommendations of the Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education makes the following recommendations to the State Association:

1. That the State Youth Rally be held in March, at a date and time to be determined by this body. (passed.)
2. That The State Youth Rally and Christian Training Service program be structured with elected officers and committees of young persons under twenty-five years of age, who will work with the State C.T.S. Director in developing and executing the program of the State Youth Rally. (passed.)
3. That the chairman of each Board of Christian Education of the districts represented in this State meeting be asked to serve as a nominating committee to recommend the names of young persons to the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Publicity Chairman, for the coming year, and report back to this body with their recommendations not

later than July 29, 1965. (passed.)

4. That the nomination and election of these officers be a function of the State Youth Rally after this initial action by this body. (passed.)
5. That the percentage of funds from the cooperative plan be increased to 5% to meet the expanded activities of the Board of Christian Education. (A motion passed to table this item until next meeting.)
6. That the State Youth Rally be authorized to receive an offering at its annual rally to help meet its financial necessities. (passed)
7. That Mrs. Cutler be the State Christian Training Service director for the year 1965-66. (passed.)

Respectfully submitted,

Odus Eubanks, Chairman
Leroy Cutler
Mackie Adams

The Reverend Elvis Fielding reported for the Board of Superannuation. A motion carried to accept the report.

Report of the Board of Superannuation

Balance on hand, October 1964	\$ 12.87	
Total receipts through June 1965	<u>188.93</u>	
total receipts		\$201.80

Disbursements

Rev. J. L. Payne	\$ 50.00	
Sister Tam Smith	50.00	
Superannuation Board	22.41	
Stamps and envelopes	<u>1.00</u>	
total disbursements		<u>\$123.41</u>

Balance on hand	\$ 78.49
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I move that this report be accepted and that the Body, in some manner, acknowledge the "Glorious Homecoming" of our beloved co-laborer, the Reverend J. L. Payne.

We are now rendering support to Mrs. Tom Smith.

A note to the ministers: Are you aware of the inexpensive life insurance and retirement program available to you? If you desire more information, contact Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Board of Superannuation, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Signed,

Elvis Fielding, Treasurer

We remembered the Reverend J. L. Payne's "homegoing" in a moment of prayer as the Reverend Elvis Fielding led us, and then dismissed us for a brief recess.

After a brief recess, Brother Keith Phipps led in congregational singing. The President of Oklahoma Bible College, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, spoke briefly to us about the Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. More singing was led by Brother Phipps. Brother Rufus Coffee spoke on behalf of our National Foreign Missions Department. Brother Jimmy Jones sang a beautiful solo, entitled "The Unveiled Christ." The Reverend H. Z. Cox spoke from John 20:21. After a word of prayer, he used the subject, "So Send I You."

A. Majors of the Christian Faith.

B. Disobedient to main things Jesus told us to do.

C. Follow me, and I Make You fishers of men. (Matthew 4:19).

D. Not to win souls makes one foolish and unwise. (Exodus 3:18).

He closed his message with prayer. Announcements were made about the noon meal, and we were dismissed for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 28, 1965

The Reverend A. F. Ferguson led in singing "Jesus Saves." Brother Arnold led in prayer. The singing of a quartet composed of Brother and Sister Arthur Hearn, Clarence Hearn, and Kenneth Brandon was enjoyed at this time.

Brother Samuel Johnson, representing the National Church Training Service Department, spoke briefly about the C. T. S. After singing by the Beal sisters, the Reverend C. F. Ferguson spoke from Luke 24:49. His subject was, "Tarry Ye Until." The Holy Spirit was pointed out as:

A. Comforter.

B. Helper.

C. Power.

At the close of the message, Brother Tiff Covington led in prayer.

A further partial report of the Credentials Committee was accepted. The moderator called for a report from the Nominating Committee. The Reverend Kenneth Brandon gave the report. Those elected were as follows:

Moderator	the Reverend Clarence Hearron
Assistant Moderator	the Reverend Kenneth Brandon
Clerk	the Reverend R. J. Kennedy, Jr.
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Gaston Clary
Statistician	the Reverend Eugene Richards
Parliamentarian	the Reverend Don Ellis
Executive Secretary	the Reverend Odus Eubanks
Home Missions Board member	the Reverend A. F. Ferguson
Foreign Missions Board member	the Reverend Rashie Kennedy, Sr.
Christian Education Board member	the Reverend Leroy Cutler
Christian Education Board member	the Reverend John Warren
Superannuation Board member	the Reverend Keith Phipps
General Board member, National Association of Free Will Baptists	the Reverend Odus K. Eubanks

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Reverend H. Z. Cox for his work as Executive Secretary of Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The moderator called for a motion to break into the business session to allow Dr. L. C. Johnson an opportunity to speak. A motion carried to so act. motion carried to receive an offering for the Free Will Baptist Bible College at this time, totaling \$51.11.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Reverend Warren. A motion carried to accept these resolutions one by one.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

1. Whereas there is a felt need for an improved method for entertaining the Texas State Association, be it resolved that an orderly revolving list of all districts be compiled and this list be kept by the state clerk. The districts will have the privilege of entertaining the State Association according to the length of time since they last entertained it. If the district at the top of the list does not wish to entertain the Association,

it may forfeit its turn to entertain the Association. Any new district coming into the State Association will automatically be placed at the bottom of the list. (carried.)

2. Be it resolved that we, the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, affirm our support of all institutions of higher education as long as they remain true to the "Treatise of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists." (carried.)
3. Be it resolved that a committee be appointed to study a revision of our state constitution to bring it up to date and report back to the body at the next session. (Carried.)
4. Be it resolved that the State Executive Board compose a standard examination and procedure for the ordination of all ordained personnel, and this procedure be recommended for use in all districts and churches. The Executive Board is asked to submit its report at the next session. (carried.)
5. Be it resolved, that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Central Texas District and to the Bryan First Free Will Baptist Church, for their wonderful hospitality in entertaining this fifty-first annual session of the Texas State Association. (carried.)
6. Be it resolved that the two other churches in Bryan (Fellowship, and La Iglesia Bautista) be acknowledged for their help in this meeting. (carried.)

Signed,

John M. Warren, Chairman
Eugene Richards
Pervis Williams

The committee appointed to study revision of the constitution consisted of Odus K. Eubanks, chairman; Leroy Cutler; and H. Z. Cox.

Discussion as to where to convene for the next annual session produced a motion (carried) that the Executive Committee find out if the Northwest Brazos District can entertain the next state meeting. If not, the Caprock District will automatically be next in line.

The report of the Executive Secretary was presented by the Reverend H. Z. Cox. Motion carried to adopt the report. The financial report was given. A motion carried to adopt the report.

Disbursement of the Cooperative Money

Fifty percent of our Texas State co-op money is sent to the National Association, and they spend it in the following manner:

- 29% is given to Foreign Missions
- 21% is given to the Bible College
- 20% is given to the National Executive Department
- 16% is given to the National Home Missions Board
- 10% is given to the CTS Board
- 3% is given to National Superannuation
- 1% is given to National Stewardship Commission

Fifty percent of our Texas State co-op money is disbursed in the State:

- 23% is kept in the State Executive Office
- 20% is given to State Home Missions Board
- 5% is given to State Superannuation
- 1% is given to State Foreign Missions Board
- 1% is given to State Christian Education Board

Report of Co-op and Channeled Funds, 1964-65 (9 months, Oct.-Jun)

DISTRICT	CO-OP		CHANNELED	
	last year	this year	last year	this year
Central Texas	\$ 592.96	\$ 484.30	\$1,888.68	2,833.61
Midessa	1,341.21	958.90	50.53	158.30
East Texas	769.97	441.96	1,047.14	800.58
West Fork	2,483.61	1,960.14	2,451.99	3,362.28
Northwest Brazos	95.89	8.00	50.61	25.91
Caprock	153.69	337.82	270.67	341.58
Other				45.23
totals	\$ 5,687.66	4,200.12	6,269.56	7,567.49

Paid Out

National Co	\$ 4,843.82	2,099.56
St. Exec. Off.	1,308.18	996.78
St. H. M.	1,137.51	839.78
St. Super.	284.41	209.98
St. F.M. Bd.	56.87	42.00

St. Cr. Educ.	56.87	42.00
<u>totals</u>	<u>\$ 5,687.66</u>	<u>4,200.12</u>

Total gifts through State Office:	<u>last year</u>	<u>this year(9 mo.)</u>
	\$ 11,957.25	11,821.61

You can note that this has been the best year we have ever had in our total giving in the State of Texas.

Annual Financial Report of Executive Office (Oct. 1964-June 65)

Balance carried forward, Oct. 1, 1964	\$ 805.67
From dues at State Association	255.00
From Ministers' dues at State Association	32.00
From Texas State Co-op plan	966.78
From Sales in Book Store	185.25
From designated gifts	130.73
<u>total</u>	<u>\$2,375.43</u>

Disbursements

Office supplies	\$ 94.83
Travel for board members	396.66
Executive Secretary	450.00
Postage	70.00
Typewriter	67.00
National Association dues	55.00
E. E. Zoellers, for State Minutes	72.50
Book Store Supplies	142.30
Office help on Digest	25.00
E. E. Zoellers, Honorarium (Clerk)	50.00
Charlene Denman (Assist. Clerk)	10.00
Don Payne, OBC speaker at State	20.00
Bill Jones, speaker at State	45.23
	<u>\$1,498.52</u>

Balance carried forward, July 26, 1965

\$876.91

The Executive Committee has had one meeting this year, for the purpose of planning the State program. The Moderator, Rev. C. J. Hearron, attended the National Promotional Men's meeting in Nashville. The Executive Secretary has made visits with 3 of the Districts, and represented at the National Association.

H. Z. Cox, Executive Secretary

Brother Roy Norie gave the Foreign Mission report. A motion carried to adopt the report.

Foreign Missions Report

Cash balance, October 1, 1964 \$73.68

Receipts:

State Co-op	\$ 37.36
Gartmans View Church	32.45
Hall F.W.B. Church (Anlters, Okla.)	22.05
Liberty Church	10.00
Denison Church	12.41
Irving Church	8.10
Felker Church (Valiant, Oklahoma)	24.33
Fulsom Church (Fulsom, Oklahoma)	41.35
Good Hope Church	10.00
Bible Church (Midessa District)	17.71
Mount Olive Church	38.15
Roy Norie, Jr.	120.00
	<u>\$373.91</u>

total

\$447.59

Disbursements:

Postage and stationary	5.47
Phone expense for itinerate	7.41
Travel and promotional expense	247.01
National Foreign Missions Board	129.00
Film strip projector and cord	50.93
	<u>\$440.32</u>

Cash balance June 1, 1965

\$ 7.27

The Texas Home Missions report was given by Brother Berry and Brother A.F. Ferguson. Brother Ferguson gave the Treasurer's report, and also a report not included in the report. Motion carried to receive this report. Brother and Sister Harvey Henderson were introduced by Brother Berry. He also introduced the members of the Home Missions Board.

Report of the Texas Home Missions Board

"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." (Phil. 4:17). Paul spoke of this Church as being the only church that had faithfully communicated with him as concerning giving and receiving. We came to take stock of our giving for the past year. We are now entering into the fruit or results of our giving.

Your Board of Home Missions of the State of Texas met on July 9, 1965, and with the recommendations of the National Home Mission Board, and other men that were contacted for further recommendations, we approved Brother Harvey L. Henderson of Atmore, Alabama, to begin the work in Austin, Texas.

We believe Brother Henderson to be a man of God, and if we will support him with our prayers and money, that he will be able by the grace of God to build a work in Austin, that will please the Lord, and that Free Will Baptists will be proud of.

We praise God for the response of the churches and pastors in giving to "Operation Capitol." Forty churches have given, and some of the Districts have given. Our total giving for "Operation Capitol" is \$2,008.97.

We are re-newing our budget goal for 1965-66 as that of this year, five thousand dollars. We have contacted Brother Homer Willis, and he said that we would be ready to begin the work in Austin by September 1, 1965.

Remember, if every Free Will Baptist will give \$1.00 per year to Texas State Missions, we can reach our goal.

Financial Report of the Texas State Home Missions Board

Balance brought forward:	\$1,125.33
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Receipts:

Operation Capitol	\$2,008.97
Texas State Co-op	1,280.72
"500 Club"	150.71
Texas Woman's Auxiliary	148.44
Woman's Auxiliary, Odessa	10.00
	<u>\$3,598.84</u>

On deposit with National Home Missions Board	\$1,200.00
Present bank balance	2,634.61
Deposit for July 22, 1965	298.89

Expenses:

Traveling, postage, office
supplies and Bond

\$ 194.00

A. F. Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Ruby Withers gave the Woman's Auxiliary report. A motion carried to accept the report.

Information reported by the Woman's Auxiliary

There were thirty-one Auxiliaries reporting, of five of our districts, with an enrolment of 350. Per capita representation fees sent to treasurer amounted to \$52.03. Forty-six courses were conducted, and there were 195 daily Bible readers.

Personal gifts:

Missions	\$ 746.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	87.20
Children's Home	307.69
Superannuation	39.00
Other	87.57
Student Loan	21.00
Calvary child	19.00
McAdams	11.00
Theraphy center	36.00
Office equipment	10.00

Financial Report:

Sent to WNAC Co-Laborer Fund	192.52
Easter offering for foreign missions	124.88
Thanksgiving offering for State H.M.	142.20
Christmas offering for National H.M.	61.35
Cash gifts to orphanage	105.44
Total gifts to missions sent to WNAC	
this convention year	1,306.69
Cash gifts to aged ministers	33.00
Total spent for Auxiliary literature	489.60
Total for local church activities	3,675.27

Mrs. E. E. Zoellers, President

Mrs. Ruby Withers, Treasurer

The Obituary report was given by Mrs. Gaston Clary. A motion carried to receive the report.

Report of the Obituary Committee

We, your Obituary Committee, submit the following partial report: Caprock District reports two deaths, and Northwest Brazos three.

We recommend: (1) That a place be made on the District Annual Statistical report form for the deceases. (2) That we stand for a moment of prayer in memory of those who have gone to be with the Lord, and for the loved ones who are left behind.

Mrs. Sherman North
Mrs. Gaston Clary

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Brother Bob Harless. A motion carried to accept the report.

Report of the Temperance Committee

We, the Temperance Committee, of the Texas State Association, submit to you the following recommendations:

1. That we follow the instructions found in Romans 14:14-23.
2. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Proverbs 16:32.
3. He that hath no rule over his spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. Proverbs 25:28.
4. That we abide by the teaching of our Church Covenant.

Respectfully submitted by the Temperance Committee,
Bob Harless, Chariman
Jewel Brandon
Mrs. C. F. Ferguson

The congregation was dismissed by Brother Sutton after a moment of prayer for the bereaved of those who have gone to meet the Lord.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, July 28, 1965

The evening session was opened with singing led by Brother Brandon, "Take Time To Be Holy." Prayer was led by Roy Norie.

The moderator declared the delegates from Gartman's View Free Will Baptist Church seated.

The service was turned over to Brother Roy Norie, Chairman of the state Foreign Missions Board, for a special service. Brother Brandon led the singing. A missions offering was received, totaling \$101.36. The congregation sang another song. Don Ellis expressed the need for a refrigerator for Bill and Joy Jones. Amount needed was about \$200.00. A testimony service had our home missionaries speak, the Reverend and Mrs. Osmundo Corrales. The Calvery's children sang a chorus in Japanese. Missionaries Wesley and Aileen Calvery and Joy and Bill Jones sang "Jesus Paid It All." Brother R. J. Kennedy, Jr. sang a solo, "Room at the Cross for You."

The evening message was brought by our missionary from Japan, Wesley Calvery. The Scripture was Mark 1:17. "Come, I will Make You."

Jeremiah 18:

1. You must come to Jesus.

2. You must follow Jesus.

Challenges us to get the burden for missions, give our money, use our time, and send our children. Prayer.

Brother J. L. Brandon sang the invitation song, "Almost Persuaded." An invitation for service as missionary was given with two responses and several asked the prayers of the people in making a decision concerning the giving of their lives as missionaries. A prayer of benediction was given by Bill Jones. A closing prayer was led by Brother Fred King.

THURSDAY MORNING, July 29

The congregation was led in congregational singing, followed by prayer. A quartet composed of A. F. Ferguson, E. K. Brandon, Bud Parr, and Lionel Cooksey, sang "Face to Face."

The morning message was brought by the Reverend J. A. Hearron, of Oklahoma. "Be Found Faithful," was his subject, taken from I Corinthians 4:1a. He stressed the duties and responsibilities of the children to God to leave frivolous, petty things. I Corinthians 6:19-20.

A partial statistician's report was given by Brother Cox. A motion carried to accept the report.

The Executive committee report was given by Brother Zellen. A motion carried to adopt this report, and that the reports be made a part of the minutes.

Report of the Executive Committee - October 29, 1964

The Executive Committee met Thursday during recess. Motion passed to pay the Executive Secretary 6¢ per mile travel expense to the following:

1. National Association.
2. Called National meetings requiring the Executive Secretary.
3. Any State promotional work.
4. An other activity outside the State, to be authorized by the Executive Board.

Motion passed to pay members 6¢ per mile to Executive meetings. A motion passed to continue the previous \$50 per month allotted to the Executive Secretary as salary. The Moderator appointed himself and the Executive Secretary to investigate the possibility of the proposed State paper.

A motion passed for the Executive Secretary to be authorized to purchase a folding machine and an address-O-graph. Also, a typewriter and equipment as funds permit.

A motion carried to adjourn. Prayer by Brother Elder.

E. E. Zoellers, Clerk

Report of the Executive Committee - April 23, 1965

The Executive Committee met in a called meeting on April 23, 1965. C. J. Hearron, our Moderator, presided. We discussed a theme for our next session. Several suggestions were offered. I Corinthians 13:8, "Love Never Faileth," was chosen as our theme. A motion carried to have seven speeches at this session.

A motion carried that Dr. Johnson be the keynote speaker, and that State men bring the other six messages. The Executive Secretary was instructed to secure six state speakers from a list, giving preference to the order of their number. 1. Wesley Calvery; 2. H. Z. Cox; 3. Lionel Cooksey; 4. C. F. Ferguson; 5. James A. Hearron; 6. Kenneth Brandon; 7. Vernon Eaton; 8. Eugene Richards.

The following were elected by acclamation to be delegates to the National Convention, with the right reserved for the Executive Secretary to substitute: Messrs. H. Z. Cox, E. E. Zoellers, F. C. King, Leroy Cutler, and Don Ellis. A motion carried to adjourn.

E. E. Zoellers, Clerk

The budget report was given by R. J. Kennedy, Jr. A motion carried to adopt this report with the specified allocations.

The Budget report

The State Executive Committee suggests \$7,000.00 as the goal for the Co-op plan in 1965-66.

Fifty per cent will be sent to the National Association, and fifty per cent will be kept in the State.

The 50% kept within the State will be allocated as follows:

- 21% kept in the State Executive Office
- 20% given State Home Missions Board
- 5% given State Superannuation Board
- 1% given State Foreign Missions Board
- 3% given State Board of Christian Education

The report of the nominating committee for the State Youth Rally was given by Brother Ed Morris. A motion carried to accept this report.

Report of Nominating Committee for State Youth Rally

Eugene Richards	President	Central Texas
Larry Simons	Vice-Pres.	West Fork
Catrina Kee	Publicity	
	Chairman	East Texas
Shirley Murphy	Secretary	Caprock
Archie Cooksey	Treasurer	Midessa
Gordon Tompkins	Music Dir.	East Texas
	C. F. Ferguson	
	Ed Morris	
	Odus Eubanks, Chairman	

A motion carried to adjourn the business session. Dismissed for recess by the Moderator.

The Thursday morning worship session began with congregational singing. Prayer was led by the Reverend Brooks. There was more singing. Brother and Mrs. Calvery sang, "The Lord is My Sheppard."

The Reverend E. K. Brandon brought the morning worship message from Ephesians 5:25-27, "A Glorious Church."

He used the Scriptures found in II Corinthians 4:3-4; and Ephesians 2:19-22, emphasizing the foundation has to be built on Christ. Jesus Christ is the foundation, corner, and head. Isaiah 18:22; John 13:13; Ephesians 4:15; Matthew 28:19; and Mark 16:15.

The Association was dismissed with all ministers gathered in front of the pulpit joining hands as the Reverend H. Z. Cox led in prayer.

CONSTITUTION
of the
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE I: Name

This organization shall be known as the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be to enlist the cooperation of all Free Will Baptists in Texas in sending the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all quarters both near and far, in winning the lost through the preaching of the Gospel, and in teaching and training those who are saved to be holier and more efficient members of the body of Christ, thus advancing the interests of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE III: Membership

This association shall be composed of the district associations and the churches of Texas which are known to be duly organized, orthodox, and orderly, and conforming to the faith and usages of the denomination as set forth in the Treatise of Faith of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. All regularly ordained and licensed ministers, and ordained deacons, who hold membership in, and are in good standing with, a church belonging to this association, are members of this association. All churches belonging to this association must be members in good standing of some regular district association in Texas, unless their geographical location prevents such membership. Any district association or church conforming to the above regulations may, upon proper application, be admitted to membership in this association.

ARTICLE IV: Time and Date

The association shall convene on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in August, and run through noon Thursday.

ARTICLE V: Representation

Representation to this association shall be on the following basis: Each district association shall be entitled to one delegate for each 100 members, or fractional part thereof.

Each church shall be entitled to two delegates regardless of the number of its members. It shall be required of all district associations that they represent themselves by delegates and communicate by letter their standing, prospects,

and statistics at each regular session of this association, the time and place of the regular session being determined by this association. Each district association shall accompany with their letter a registration fee as follows: \$10.00 for the first 500 members, or fractional part thereof, and \$5.00 for each additional 500 members, or fractional part thereof. Each church shall accompany their letter with a registration fee of \$5.00.

ARTICLE VI: Officers

The officers of this association are a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, executive secretary, statistician, and parliamentarian. These officers shall be elected at each regular session of the association. The nominating committee will present nominations for officers and board members, but the association shall in no wise prevent members from exercising their democratic privilege of nominating candidates from the floor. The election of officers shall become the first item of business of the afternoon session of the second day.

Duties of Officers and Boards:

Moderator: It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over all meetings of the association, and called meetings of the executive committee; to appoint all necessary committees not provided for in the constitution, and to strive to promote the general welfare of the association.

Assistant Moderator: It shall be the duty of the assistant moderator to serve in all capacities of the moderator in his absence, or upon the call of the moderator.

Clerk: It shall be the duty of the clerk to make a good and accurate record of all proceedings of the association, to prepare a manuscript of the same for printing of the minutes, to make and keep on file minutes of all regular or called sessions of the association, or called meetings of the executive committee and to negotiate the printing and distribution of the minutes of the regular sessions of the association.

Assistant Clerk: It shall be the duty of the assistant clerk to work with the clerk in every capacity when called upon to do so by the clerk, or the moderator.

Executive Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to receive and disburse all funds coming into the regular treasury at the direction of the association. He shall see that an accurate record is kept of all disbursements and shall present a statement of all receipts and disbursements at each regular session of the association. He shall have charge of all associational advertising

serve as contact between this body and the National Association, and his office shall serve as an information center for such for missions, ministerial relief, location of churches, and names and addresses of their officers, district associations, denominational schools, et cetera. He shall be charged with the promotion of the cooperative program and shall disburse all cooperative program funds as the association shall direct.

Statistician: It shall be the duty of the statistician to collect and compile, as nearly as possible, all vital statistics of all district associations and churches in Texas, to report the same at each regular session of this and the National Association.

Parliamentarian: It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to thoroughly acquaint himself with good and accepted parliamentary rules that he may be prepared to rule on the order of any business procedure being transacted at any session of the association. It shall be the privilege of the chair to call for a ruling from the parliamentarian when he deems it necessary.

Home Missions Board: It shall be the duty of this board to:

1. Receive and disburse money allocated them by the state, and other money.
2. To promote the organization of new churches.
3. To give a complete report of all funds received, disbursements, and progress made to the State body.
4. Plan and promote all home mission itinerates and work coming into our state from the national level.

Foreign Missions Board: It shall be the duties of this board to:

1. To arrange and promote itineraries of foreign missionaries in Texas. They shall do this by working between the churches and the national office.
2. Work in conjunction with the national board in approving missionaries sent out from Texas.
3. Promote the foreign mission work in general, and shall keep the state informed as to our obligation to missionaries for whom we are directly responsible.
4. Give a complete and full report of their work at each state meeting.

Superannuation Board: It shall be the duties of this board to:

1. Receive and disburse all money allocated to them.
2. Seek out and determine the eligibility of those receiving financial assistance.

3. Give a full and complete report at each state meeting.

Christian Education: It shall be the duty of this board to:

1. Receive and disburse all money allocated to them by the state.
2. To promote Sunday school, Church Training Service, and any other phase of Christian Education deemed necessary and practicable.
3. To serve as a co-ordinating body between our state and our National Association concerning matters of Christian Education.
4. To give a complete statistical report on the different phases of the work at the end of the year to the state body.
5. To make a complete report to the state body regarding projects, finances, meetings, and recommendations.

ARTICLE VII: Boards and Committees

The association shall elect the following boards; Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Superannuation. These boards shall consist of three members each except for those composed of five members each. The terms of board members shall be for three years. The election of all board members shall be the next item of business after the election of officers and by the same procedure. It shall be the duty of the moderator to appoint members to fill the unexpired term of any board member, or members, vacating their position between regular sessions.

The moderator shall appoint a Committee on Committees. This committee shall nominate the following committees: Temperance, Resolutions, Program, Obituary, and Credentials. This committee shall be appointed at each regular session of the association.

ARTICLE VIII: Discipline

This association shall have the authority to discipline any association or church holding membership with it for disorderly conduct or heresy, and should efforts to help correct the difficulty fail, the association may withdraw the hand of fellowship until order has been established, but in no case shall the association have the authority to reverse the decisions of churches or district associations.

ARTICLE IX: Executive Committee

This association shall have an executive committee composed of the officers of the association. This Committee shall have the oversight of all associational work and when it is necessary to transact business that cannot be held over to the next regular session of the association this committee shall, in duly called session, act for and in behalf of the association. Minutes of all called meetings are to be recorded and reported to the association in the next regular ses-

sion, and if the body deems wise the executive committee report shall be printed in the minutes of the association.

ARTICLE X: Alterations and Amendments

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present provided the proposed alteration or amendment has been read before the body and has been placed on the table one day in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

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ARTICLE 1: The Moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the senior minister in years, shall call the association into conference, and if a quorum is known to be present, the body may proceed with business according to outlined program.

ARTICLE 2: All persons declared by the credentials committee to be eligible to represent in the association are hereby made and constituted members of this body, and are authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of the constitution and by-laws under which this association is governed.

ARTICLE 3: Delegates from corresponding bodies, and brethren invited to seats in the association, shall be entitled to all privileges of the association except voting.

ARTICLE 4: No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor over ten minutes at the time, without special permission of the association: neither shall anyone be recognized by the presiding officer without first rising and addressing the chair, and shall not proceed with discussion or statement until recognized by the chair.

ARTICLE 5: It shall not be considered regular for any member of the body to leave its session without special permission of the presiding officer, and those who do such, lay themselves liable to public censure. No member shall take final leave from any regular or called session without special permission from the association.

